

Behind the Scenes

January and February the year of Americans who stood at the year-before level for the corresponding months. This is the first time that has happened in four years.

Jobs dry up in January every year, as soon as inventory-taking and tidying-up after the Christmas rush is completed. This year's drop of 1,960,000, however, was more than seasonal, and the start of the spring upturn in employment has yet to appear.

Some people—mostly those with political axes of various temper to grind—are crying out in alarm against this break in the long series of rises in job totals. It might be well, as an antidote for this kind of thinking, to get the whole picture into focus:

Employment of the working force is still 96.3 per cent. (Ninety-five per cent is the level at which labor economists really calculate, everyone who really wants a job has one).

Average weekly wages for December, latest month for which figures are complete, were \$64.65, an all-time high.

Personal incomes, of which wages and salaries are overwhelmingly the largest portion, were running at a rate of \$393.5 billion a year as 1956 ended.

We shall have a hard time convincing ourselves we aren't doing pretty well.

BACKYARD BEAUTY BOON—So long as human nature dictates a measure of keeping up with the Joneses, people will buy what the Joneses will see.

That's only the beginning, says the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn. An unwillingness to display flapping fabrics before the neighbors is helping make the gas clothes dryer one of the nation's fastest-growing appliances.

JEAN HALEY RE-ELECTED GOP HEAD

Jean W. Haley, San Pedro, was re-elected as president of the 68th District Republican Assembly, a unit of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly and the California Republican Assembly, at a meeting Monday night in the Hacienda hotel, San Pedro.

Mrs. Haley, who is a delegate-at-large to the California Republican Assembly, served as president of the 68th unit in 1956.

Others elected to serve the 1957 term are Frode B. Klis-tofte, Wilmington, vice president; Tom Brewer, Torrance, Republican candidate for the Assembly at the last election, executive vice president, and Edna Smith Fisher, Lomita, secretary-treasurer.

The district also is represented on the California Republican Assembly Board of Directors by Frank S. Selover, Torrance, who is a regional director for the 17th Congressional District, and editor of the statewide publication, California Republican Assembly News. He also is editor of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly News.

RUSSIANS AND SUGAR—The sugar market had just about settled down from the gyrations noted here some weeks ago, when the Russians stepped into the market with inquiries for 200,000 tons from the Cuban Sugar Institute.

Of itself, this isn't such an enormous order. But it happens that it will clean the institute out of the stocks it uses to stabilize the market.

For once, no one is accusing the Russians of malevolence. Only possible political leanings to the purchase is that the Danube Valley satellites either don't have or aren't delivering the beet sugar they usually supply.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Steel production last week was 2,456,000 tons of ingots and castings. Business failures declined to 300 for the Feb. 21 week, said Dun & Bradstreet.

St. Joseph's Fiesta Today—An all-day Fiesta will be held on the grounds of St. Joseph's Mission Church in Pueblo, 2314 W. Del Amo Blvd., today, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Openings in Nursery Told

Pre-school children and their parents were invited to join the Gardena Co-op Nursery School, by Mrs. Irene Slap, president.

Due to recent graduation of some of the members of kindergarten classes, the group has openings. The school is a non-profit, interracial, and non-sectarian organization.

The nursery school, part of a nation-wide co-op nursery school movement, helps the child to understand his problems and to help parents to understand the child, Mrs. Slap said.

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